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Students And Faculty Rally For Living Wage

By KATE LACY
Staff Writer

Groundskeeper Robin Jones has been working at Mary Washington College for three years. She said she would like to move to Northern Virginia where she could make more money for the same amount of work.

But Jones has three children to take care of.

"As a single mother, I need to be around here if they call me," she said.

Jones went to the Living Wage rally during her lunch break. She went because she doesn't think it is fair to complain about her salary unless she takes the steps available to change it.

"I love my job," she said. "But I feel like we're more important than they give us back."

On April Fool's Day students, faculty, staff and community members gathered outside George Washington Hall to rally for a living wage. It was no joke.

More than 50 people gathered in the rain to protest the low pay for housekeepers and groundskeepers who work for the college receive.

The Human Rights Club, who sponsored the rally, said they are not arguing for justice, they are simply fighting for a basic human right that each worker at Mary Washington College deserves.

Alejandro Cervantes-Carson, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, stood on the steps of George Washington Hall and asked why anyone should have to work two jobs to make a living.

"There is a difference between working to live and living to work," he said, receiving a boisterous round of applause from the crowd. He also said the college is an institute ranked as a "best buy," but it doesn't pay its workers fairly.

He said the housekeepers' and groundskeepers' work is fundamental to the college and they should be recognized for it.

"Without these workers, it would be impossible to teach, to go to class," he said.

Mary Washington College currently employs 60 housekeepers and groundskeepers. Thirty-four of those workers are paid \$8.10 per hour for a 40-hour workweek.

An employee earning this salary falls under the poverty line of \$16,844 annually for a family of four.

Earning a living wage, which is 125 percent of the poverty line, would require that every employee at Mary Washington College receive at least \$9.54 per hour, an increase of \$1.44 for those presently under the living wage.

President Bill Anderson and several other administrators make over \$100,000 annually. This discrepancy is what the majority of people at the said they were fighting against.

Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said the college will not be taking any steps to give its employees a living wage because it is out of their hands.

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Mason Suffers Fire

Residence Hall Kitchen Burns, Shaving Cream Blamed

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Staff Writer

There was shrapnel in the wall.

At 12:54 a.m. on Friday, April 2, the fire alarm in Mason Hall went off.

Students quickly evacuated the building and fire engines pulled up into the circle.

Police and firemen entered the building searching for the cause, but arrived to a scene different than

that of a burnt bagel or a neglected pizza left in the oven.

"I knew it wasn't a routine fire drill," said Kelli Gearhart, a freshman third floor resident of Mason Hall. "I just figured that some one had pulled it."

Gearhart, like many other students, initially expressed annoyance about having to get out of bed and file outside, but was

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Top: Two members of the Ezibu Muntu African Dance group perform together in a demonstration of traditional African dance at the Multi-Cultural Fair, held at Mary Washington College on Saturday, April 3.

Bottom Left: Fairgoers wander down campus walk where vendors have set up various booths for the Multi-Cultural Fair.

Bottom Right: The MWC Breakers perform at the Multi-Cultural Fair.

100 Students Left Without Housing, Put On Waiting List

By ADELE CHAPIN
Staff Writer

Freshman Megan Ferguson spent four hours at Housing Selection on Tuesday listening to Residence Life staff call every lottery number but

her own.

She was next in line to pick a dorm when Residence Life announced that all available rooms were taken.

"We thought they had to be joking," she said. Ferguson is one of 100 students who did not

receive a room for next semester. Seventy-five female and 25 male rising sophomores are currently without a room due to the high demand for on-campus housing.

These students were placed on a priority housing list, according to Christine Porter,

director of Residence Life.

Students on the priority list are guaranteed housing on campus, but they have to wait for rooms to become available.

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Showers
High: 60
Low: 46



FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 64
Low: 36



SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 56
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SUNDAY
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Verbatim...

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Watkins also said if Mary Washington College is to call itself the "Next Great University," as the sign hanging on the balcony over Lee Hall says, then it should follow in the footsteps of universities in the area. The University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University

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"Each year there are 150 students with housing contracts who for whatever reason won't be coming back," Porter said. When these students transfer or leave due to academic dismissal, students on the priority housing list are placed in their rooms.

According to Porter, some students on the priority list won't find out where they will be living until the end of summer.

"All of the students ask 'When will I know?'" Porter said. "They will only know when someone else informs us they aren't coming back. Some do that at the last possible moment."

Porter said students who have housing contracts but decided not to return next year should inform Residence Life of their decision.

"Please let us know if you are leaving so we can get these people off the list," she said.

Due to the fact that living on campus is not mandatory, staff at the office of Residence Life and Housing never know how many students will turn in their housing forms from year to year.

"It's all demand driven," Porter said. She said the housing problem isn't limited to Mary Washington College.

"This is the largest generation of college students and the demand for on-campus housing is very high," she said. "Every year this happens at other Virginia institutions."

This fact does not console freshman Caitlin O'Neil, who waited for a combined 10 hours at a housing selection on both Monday and Tuesday nights, only to leave empty-handed.

"I am extremely upset and extremely angry I didn't even get a room and neither did my roommate," O'Neil said.

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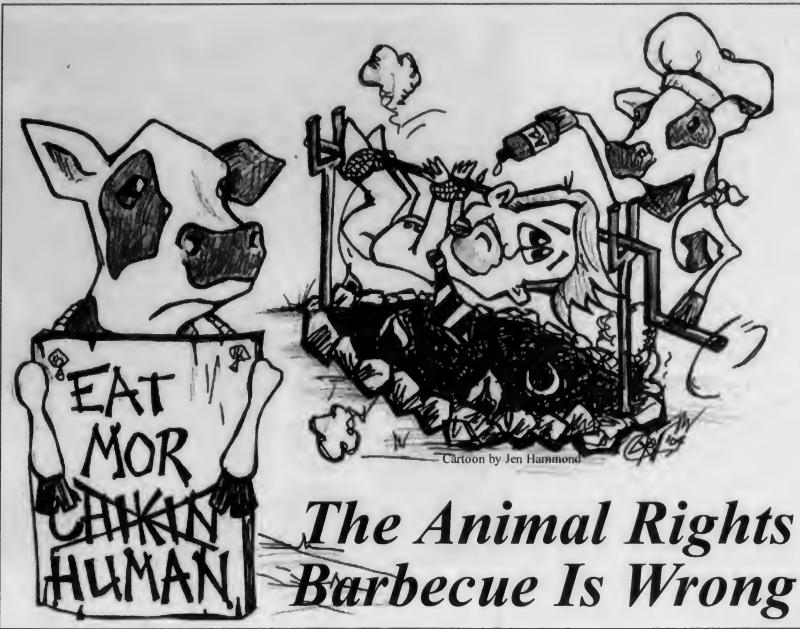
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Now I know I wouldn't trust a cigarette company to tell me what food is good for me, but the College Republicans are hoping you will.

Yes, they do have every right to hold a barbecue and pass out literature on whatever they want.

I am not trying to start a war. However, the biggest problem lies in what they are calling this meat-fest. Calling the event an animal rights barbecue is a mockery of the animal rights movement. Also, it is preying on people who are either thinking about becoming vegetarians or are already one.

The head of the vegan group on campus asked the leader of the College Republicans to change the name to something that clearly states the goal of the event. He declined (not surprisingly).

Why are the College Republicans unwilling to change the name? Perhaps it is because calling it

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Letters to the Editor

No Harm Intended

Dear Editor:

According to the article, "No Shame in the National Guard," it appears I have denigrated the service of those in the National Guard. It was never my intention to do so. In fact, before I edited it for space constraints, my article contained a comparison between Guard service during the Vietnam era, and now - which I think is an important distinction.

Quoting James Webb: "Recent statements defending Bush claim that the National Guard was not a haven for those who wished to avoid Vietnam; but it clearly was."

According to the National Guard Association, only some 9,000 Army Guardsmen and 9,343 Air Guardsmen served in Vietnam. Considering that nearly 3 million from the active forces did so, one begins to understand why so many of America's elites headed for the Guard when their draft numbers were called."

In comparison, today's National Guard is nothing like the Vietnam-era Guard. As of September 2003, 174,000 Guardsmen and Reservists were active in Iraq. 174,000! More to the point, the Pentagon says that by 15 April, 40 percent of the force structure will be composed of Guardsmen. This is quite a contrast to Guard mobilization during Vietnam, which by my calculations was roughly .6 percent of the force structure. In addition, Guardsmen and Reservists are bearing a remarkably heavy burden with the war in Iraq. I point readers to an article in this month's *Foreign Affairs* entitled "Fixing the Mix" by Lawrence Korb.

Ms. Cavalli states: "It is an extremely honorable and admirable thing to fight on the front lines for your country, but it

is no less honorable to be back at the base fixing radar of flying in supplies instead."

In response to that, I would say, "I respect your argument, your emotions, and I agree!" Then, I would say, "I am sorry you took my article for an attack on the National Guard," and point to the last full sentence of my article, where I stated: "For that sacrifice, we owe them - and all veterans, past, present, and future - our deepest and most sincere gratitude."

That said, John McCain and James Webb conducted themselves heroically, and I would like to see them on the ballot in November. But my opinion doesn't matter much.

Mike Casey is a senior

Abortion Has No Place In Feminism

Dear Editor:

Hindsight tells us that while scorned throughout history, feminism has been a primarily noble approach to take on the issue of women and equality.

However, despite many noble causes that feminists take and have taken on (such as voting rights, rape prosecution, and equality in the workplace), there is one issue that should not be rolled into feminism - abortion. The fact that both many men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause.

A brief note on one of the biggest arguments of the pro-choice community, that "everyone has the right to control their own body." As human beings, the law has been against doing certain things to our body for ages. Suicide and illicit drugs, for

example, are illegal in the United States yet they both concern issues of one's own body.

However, we could go into a long debate on whether or not abortion is right or wrong. Instead, let us focus on whether or not it simply belongs in the feminist set of issues.

On the web site of March for Women's Lives, a feminist demonstration group, a slogan is displayed prominently that reads, "If men got pregnant they'd make abortion a sacrament."

However, it isn't just men that are against abortion. How is it that many men and women don't think that abortion is a right, and yet feminists still try to claim it is a right that every woman should have?

Both women and men have responsibilities when it comes to sex. If a couple doesn't wish to have a pregnancy, they either need to abstain from sex (as we and many other couples do. Abstinence is more widespread than most people think), or risk the possibility of becoming pregnant despite using multiple contraceptive measures.

In light of issues such as prosecuting rapists, equality in the workplace, and eliminating global women's issues, abortion appears more of an escape from responsibility, rather than equal rights (rape and other extraneous circumstances notwithstanding).

Even the US population is much more willing to support the rest of feminist causes (90 percent support), but the abortion issue alone drops the level of support dramatically (around 50 percent).

We would love to call ourselves feminists, but to do so would mean accepting abortion. This is a shame: should abortion be dropped from the criteria of being a feminist, we are positive that the feminist movement would gain many more followers.

Jeff Longo is a junior and Michele Heimiller is a senior.



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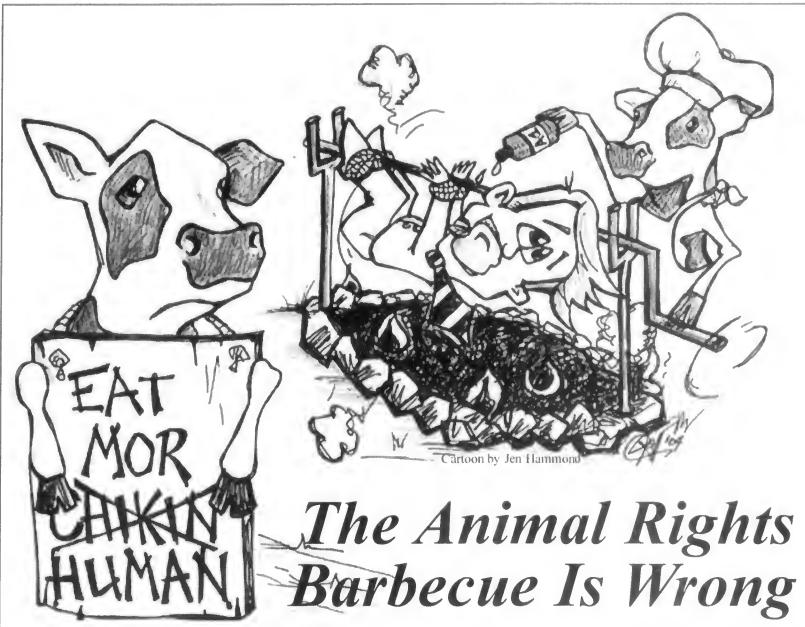
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I am not trying to start a war. However, the biggest problem lies in what they are calling this meat-fest. Calling the event an animal rights barbecue is a mockery of the animal rights movement. Also, it is preying on people who are either thinking about becoming vegetarians or are already one.

The head of the vegan group on campus asked the leader of the College Republicans to change the name to something that clearly states the goal of the event. He declined (not surprisingly).

Why are the College Republicans unwilling to change the name? Perhaps it is because calling it

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Letters to the Editor

No Harm Intended

Dear Editor:

According to the article, "No Shame in the National Guard," it appears I have denigrated the service of those in the National Guard. It was never my intention to do so. In fact, before I edited it for space constraints, my article contained a comparison between Guard service during the Vietnam era, and now - which I think is an important distinction.

Quoting James Webb: "Recent statements defending Bush claim that the National Guard was not a haven for those who wished to avoid Vietnam; but it clearly was."

According to the National Guard Association, only some 9,000 Army Guardsmen and 9,343 Air Guardsmen served in Vietnam. Considering that nearly 3 million from the active forces did so, one begins to understand why so many of America's elites headed for the Guard when their draft numbers were called.

In comparison, today's National Guard is nothing like the Vietnam-era Guard. As of September 2003, 174,000 Guardsmen and Reservists were active in Iraq. 174,000! More to the point, the Pentagon says that by 15 April, 40 percent of the force structure will be composed of Guardsmen. This is quite a contrast to Guard mobilization during Vietnam, which by my calculations was roughly 6 percent of the force structure. In addition, Guardsmen and Reservists are bearing a remarkably heavy burden with the war in Iraq. I point readers to an article in this month's *Foreign Affairs* entitled "Fixing the Mix" by Lawrence Korb.

Ms. Cavalli states: "It is an extremely honorable and admirable thing to fight on the front lines for your country, but it

is no less honorable to be back at the basic fixing radar of flying in supplies instead."

In response to that, I would say, "I respect your argument, your emotions, and I agree!" Then, I would say, "I am sorry you took my article for an attack on the National Guard," and point her to the last full sentence of my article, where I stated: "For that sacrifice, we owe them - and all veterans past, present, and future - our deepest and most sincere gratitude."

That said, John McCain and James Webb conducted themselves heroically, and I would like to see them on the ballot in November. But my opinion doesn't matter much.

Mike Casey is a senior

Abortion Has No Place In Feminism

Dear Editor:

Hindsight tells us that while scorned throughout history, feminism has been a primarily noble approach to take on the issue of women and equality.

However, despite many noble causes that feminists take and have taken on (such as voting rights, rape prosecution, and equality in the workplace), there is one issue that should not be rolled into feminism—abortion. The fact that both many men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause.

A brief note on one of the biggest arguments of the pro-choice community, that "everyone has the right to control their own body." As human beings, the law has been against doing certain things to our body for ages. Suicide and illicit drugs, for

example, are illegal in the United States yet they both concern issues of one's own body.

However, we could go into a long debate on whether or not abortion is right or wrong. Instead, let us focus on whether or not it simply belongs in the feminist set of issues.

On the web site of March for Women's Lives, a feminist demonstration group, a slogan is displayed prominently that reads, "If men got pregnant they'd make abortion a sacrament."

However, it isn't just men that are against abortion. How is it that many men and women don't think that abortion is a right, and yet feminists still try to claim it is a right that every woman should have?

Both women and men have responsibilities when it comes to sex. If a couple doesn't wish to have a pregnancy, they either need to abstain from sex (as we and many other couples do). Abstinence is more widespread than most people think), or risk the possibility of becoming pregnant despite using multiple contraceptive measures.

In light of issues such as prosecuting rapists, equality in the workplace, and eliminating global women's issues, abortion appears more of an escape from responsibility, rather than equal rights (rape and other extraneous circumstances notwithstanding).

Even the US population is much more willing to support the rest of feminist causes (90 percent support), but the abortion issue alone drops the level of support dramatically (around 50 percent).

We would love to call ourselves feminists, but to do so would mean accepting abortion. This is a shame: should abortion be dropped from the criteria of being a feminist, we are positive that the feminist movement would gain many more followers.

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One little girl in particular, named Lourdes, attached herself to me at the beginning of the week. By the end of our project, she was permanently embedded in my heart. She worked beside me in the hot sun, sifting sand and carrying concrete blocks, never complaining. Although we did not speak the same language, we communicated by smiles, hugs and laughter. She wanted so much to talk to me about her school and family that by the end of the week, she had taught me enough Spanish words that I could understand what she wanted me to know about her life.

Before I left, I gave her a stuffed bunny as a reminder of me, expecting nothing in return. She told me to wait there and she ran home. When she came back she had her palm closed tightly around something. She slowly opened her hand, revealing two beautiful silver earrings I had seen her wearing the day before, and said the Spanish word for gift, *regalo*.

As much as I would have loved to have kept them, I had to carefully explain to her

that they were too nice, knowing full well that those were probably the most expensive thing her family owned. She agreed but made me promise to write her and to send her photographs of us together. I know that I will never forget her or the other children.

Our work didn't end in the school yard. Throughout the week, we delivered stuffed animals to children at a hospital that could not afford medication. It was incredibly difficult to go into that hospital, see the tiny barred beds with children lying in them, some whimpering, some calling for their mothers. We knew that the most we could do was to offer them worn and tattered stuffed animals since we didn't have the money they desperately needed.

When it was time to leave the next Saturday, the hardest part was leaving behind the friendships I had made with the children. Although we did not entirely leave the security wall, we did raise enough money through donations to pay local workers to continue on it until it was complete. Hopefully, by this time next year, I will be able to return and see just how much of a difference we made.

So now, here I sit, back in Fredericksburg, cold and bored, nursing obligatory malaria medication induced stomach aches, day dreaming of warm beaches, palm trees and those smiling children, hoping that they are thinking of me too.

Heaven on Earth with an Onion Slice

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palm trees, and behind them the warm glow of a summer sunset. Embedded in the floor are various seashells as well as oversized beach towels from Costa Rica.

Hostesses dressed in beach attire and leis offer waiting customers samples of fried shrimp and cheese sauce. Those of age can request drinks in large colorful margarita glasses, garnished with fruit.

Just behind the hostess booth, visitors can see simulated netting, showing off the various restaurant paraphernalia for sale. Included are both short and long-sleeve shirts as well as hats.

After being escorted to one of the many sea-green booths, with tabletops covered in large beach photos, patrons are presented with the lengthy menu. Each table also offers a thick binder of drink choices, complete with index. Some of the more interesting beverages include the "Pain in the Bahama" layered drink, "Cadillac Margarita," "Hemisphere Dancer," and the famous "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

More drink choices are available at the Wannalai Cabana bar, which takes up a large portion in the center of the restaurant.

Customers can choose from a variety of appetizers, labeled as "New Beginnings." They include "N'awlins BBQ shrimp," "tropical mixed grill satay" and a "gulf-to-bay platter." Prices range from \$4.95 to \$11.95.

The salad menu consists of creative new dishes with even more creative names. "I will play for gumbo," "son of a sailor salad," and the "Costa Rican skirt steak salad" are a few of the creative choices.

For the main course, visitors have the choice of choosing between American and Island favorites. Sandwiches, seafood dishes, BBQ ribs and of course a variety of different cheeseburgers make up the wide selection of dishes. Cheeseburgers range from \$6.95 to \$7.95 while main dishes go from \$9.95 to \$15.95.

In addition to the food, the restaurant also has a wide variety of entertainment each night. Karaoke fills up the Monday night slot while different bands perform throughout the week. Open mic night is Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

The atmosphere of the restaurant urges patrons to relax and enjoy their time away from the real world. Scuba and nautical gear adorn the tables and the gently sloping walls. Fresh, upbeat music plays in the background, and it is



A bartender serves a tropical drink at the Cheeseburger in Paradise bar.

not uncommon to see bartenders and customers alike sing along when Jimmy Buffet's "Cheeseburger in Paradise" starts to play.

Mary Washington College students who have visited the restaurant seem to agree that Cheeseburger in Paradise is a welcome addition to Fredericksburg. Sophomore Kate Paris thoroughly enjoyed her dinner there.

"You haven't had a cheeseburger until you've had a cheeseburger in paradise," she said. Sophomore Lisa Kneeney agreed.

"Despite the cold and rainy weather outside, the tropical atmosphere inside made you feel like you really were at the beach," she said. "They had good food, good drinks, and good music. I had a good time."

Junior Shemmy Caballero visited the restaurant during opening week for a friend's birthday.

"I think it seems like a fun place to hang out, but it depends if you're going for the food or the bar, since it's pretty crowded," Caballero said.

Sophomore Megan Brownell thought the restaurant's atmosphere was laid-back and fun.

"I would definitely recommend the place to others," she said. "It's the only place I'll go now for cheeseburgers."

Cheeseburger in Paradise is located on Carl D. Silver Parkway and is open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, noon to 2 a.m. on Saturdays and noon to midnight on Sundays.

Unitarians Unite on Campus

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environmental issues are just the tip of the iceberg.

"We even have free-trade coffee at church," he said.

He explained Unitarians are adamant supporters of gay and transgender rights. Since the 1970s, Engel said, Unitarian Universalism has been one of two denominations that marry gay and lesbian couples.

"The Unitarian faith is at the forefront of many social movements," Musick said. "Our creed is tolerance."

Like Engel, Musick was raised to learn about world faith. He remembers being in church as a kid and looking up at the stained glass windows, each representing a different religion. Now Musick is an atheist who feels the campus ministry group is the missing link to a very Christian-based student body.

"I'm an atheist," he said. "I swear to God."

Musick may joke, but he is serious when he explains that it's not imperative whether or not someone believes in the Virgin birth, or that Jesus is the son of God, as long as they understand Jesus's message of tolerance and love.

Of course, as an atheist, there are things that make it hard to be perpetually tolerant. He admits that certain things bother him: Saying the pledge of allegiance when it explicitly states "one nation under God," or the fact that the Boy Scouts don't allow atheists to be leaders. But it is the Unitarian's role to take on these social causes.

Fredericksburg resident Jennifer Kay-Williams recently became a member of the Unitarian faith. She will act as an adult fellowship member in support of the campus ministry group. Kay-Williams said it's important for this group to get underway because college students tend to be very transitional, and the group will act as a form of consistency in their lives.

She was quick to note that Unitarian should not be confused with the Unification faith, governed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the self-proclaimed Christ incarnate.

"Don't confuse us with the Unification faith," she said. "They're a cult, and we're not."

Following Musick's lead, Kay-Williams felt compelled to share a joke of her own in reference to a Unitarian's constant search for truth.

"How do you know a Unitarian Universalist is mad at you?" she asked. "They burn a question mark in your front yard."

To determine club interest, the first meeting will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, located in Trinkle Hall. Anyone is welcome regardless of faith. In addition, Engel hopes to bring in a meditation coordinator on April 27 to help students de-stress during exam week.

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and played with the children. We donated school supplies to the classrooms, taught the kids how to make kites and did arts and crafts with them.

Although we didn't speak the same language, we managed to get by with rudimentary sign language.

One little girl in particular, named Lourdes, attached herself to me at the beginning of the week. By the end of our project, she was permanently embedded in my heart. She worked beside me in the hot sun, sifting sand and carrying concrete blocks, never complaining. Although we did not speak the same language, we communicated by smiles, hugs and laughter. She wanted so much to talk to me about her school and her family that by the end of the week, she had taught me enough Spanish words that I could understand what she wanted me to know about her life.

Before I left, I gave her a stuffed bunny as a reminder of me, expecting nothing in return. She told me to wait there and she ran home. When she came back she had her palm closed tightly around something. She slowly opened her hand, revealing two beautiful silver earrings I had seen her wearing the day before, and said the Spanish word for gift, *regalo*.

As much as I would have loved to have kept them, I had to carefully explain to her

that they were too nice, knowing full well that those were probably the most expensive thing her family owned. She agreed but made me promise to write her and to send her photographs of us together. I know that I will never forget her or the other children.

Our work didn't end in the school yard. Throughout the week, we delivered stuffed animals to children at a hospital that could not afford medication. It was incredibly difficult to go into that hospital, see the tiny barrel beds with children lying in them, some whimpering, some calling for their mothers. We knew that the most we could do was to offer them worn and tattered stuffed animals since we didn't have the money they desperately needed.

When it was time to leave the next Saturday, the hardest part was leaving behind the friendships I had made with the children. Although we did not entirely finish the security wall, we did raise enough money through donations to pay local workers to continue on it until it was complete. Hopefully, by this time next year, I will be able to return and see just how much of a difference we made.

So now, here I sit, back in Fredericksburg, cold and bored, nursing obligatory malaria medication induced stomach aches, day dreaming of warm beaches, palm trees and those smiling children, hoping that they are thinking of me too.

Heaven on Earth with an Onion Slice

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palm trees, and behind them the warm glow of a summer sunset. Embedded in the floor are various seashells as well as oversized beach towels from Costa Rica.

Hostesses dressed in beach attire and leis offer waiting customers samples of fried shrimp and cheese sauce. Those of age can request drinks in large colorful margarita glasses, garnished with fruit.

Just behind the hostess booth, visitors can see simulated netting, showing off the various restaurant paraphernalia for sale. Included are both short and long-sleeve shirts as well as hats.

After being escorted to one of the many sea-front booths, with tabletops covered in large beach photos, patrons are presented with the lengthy menu. Each table also offers a thick binder of drink choices, complete with index. Some of the more interesting beverages include the "Pain in the Bahama" layered drink, "Cadillac Margarita," "Hemisphere Dancer," and the famous "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

More drink choices are available at the Wannalai Cabana bar, which takes up a large portion in the center of the restaurant.

Customers can choose from a variety of appetizers, labeled as "New Beginnings." They include "N'awlins BBQ shrimp," "tropical mixed grill satay" and a "gulf-to-bay platter." Prices range from \$4.95 to \$11.95.

The salad menu consists of creative new dishes with even more creative names. "I will play for gumbo," "son of a sailor salad," and the "Costa Rican skirt steak salad" are a few of the eclectic choices.

For the main course, visitors have the choice of choosing between American and Island favorites. Sandwiches, seafood dishes, BBQ ribs and of course a variety of different cheesesburgers make up the wide selection of dishes. Cheesesburgers range from \$6.95 to \$7.95 while main dishes go from \$9.95 to \$15.95.

In addition to the food, the restaurant also has a wide variety of entertainment each night. Karaoke fills up the Monday night slot while different bands perform throughout the week. Open mic night is Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

The atmosphere of the restaurant urges patrons to relax and enjoy their time away from the real world. Scuba and nautical gear adorn the tables and the gently sloping walls. Fresh, upbeat music plays in the background, and it is



A bartender serves a tropical drink at the Cheeseburger in Paradise bar.

not uncommon to see bartenders and customers alike sing along when Jimmy Buffet's "Cheeseburger in Paradise" starts to play.

Many Washington College students who have visited the restaurant seem to agree that Cheeseburger in Paradise is a welcome addition to Fredericksburg. Sophomore Kate Paris thoroughly enjoyed her dinner there.

"You haven't had a cheeseburger until you've had a cheeseburger in paradise," she said.

Sophomore Lisa Kneen agreed.

"Despite the cold and rainy weather outside, the tropical atmosphere inside made you feel like you really were at the beach," she said. "They had good food, good drinks, and good music. I had a good time."

Junior Shemy Caballero visited the restaurant during opening week for a friend's birthday.

"I think it seems like a fun place to hang out, but it depends if you're going for the food or the bar, since it's pretty crowded," Caballero said.

Sophomore Megan Brownell thought the restaurant's atmosphere was laid-back and fun.

"I would definitely recommend the place to others," she said. "It's the only place I'll go now for cheesesburgers."

Cheeseburger in Paradise is located on Carl D. Silver Parkway and is open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, noon to 2 a.m. on Saturdays and noon to midnight on Sundays.

Unitarians Unite on Campus



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environmental issues are just the tip of the iceberg.

"We even have free-trade coffee at church," he said. He explained Unitarians are adamant supporters of gay and transgender rights. Since the 1970s, Engel said, Unitarian Universalism has been one of two denominations that marry gay and lesbian couples.

"The Unitarian faith is at the forefront of many social movements," Musick said. "Our creed is tolerance."

Like Engel, Musick was raised to learn about world faith. He remembers being in church as a kid and looking up at the stained glass windows, each representing a different religion. Now Musick is an atheist who feels the campus ministry group is the missing link to a very Christian-based student body.

"I'm an atheist," he said. "I swear to God."

Musick may joke, but he is serious when he explains that it's not imperative whether or not someone believes in the Virgin birth, or that Jesus is the son of God, as long as they understand Jesus's message of tolerance and love.

Of course, as an atheist, there are things that make it hard to be perpetually tolerant. He admits that certain things bother him: Saying the pledge of allegiance when it explicitly states "one nation under God," or the fact that the Boy Scouts don't allow atheists to be leaders. But it is the Unitarian's role to take on these social causes.

Fredericksburg resident Jennifer Kay-Williams recently became a member of the Unitarian faith. She will act as an adult fellowship member in support of the campus ministry group. Kay-Williams said it's important for this group to get underway because college students tend to be very transitional, and the group will act as a form of consistency in their lives.

She was quick to note that Unitarian should not be confused with the Unification faith, governed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the self-proclaimed Christ Incarnate.

"Don't confuse us with the Unification faith," she said. "They're a cult, and we're not."

Following Musick's lead, Kay-Williams felt compelled to share a joke of her own in reference to a Unitarian's constant search for truth.

"How do you know a Unitarian Universalist is mad at you?" she asked. "They burn a question mark in your front yard."

To determine club interest, the first meeting will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, located in Trinkle Hall. Anyone is welcome regardless of faith. In addition, Engel hopes to bring in a meditation coordinator on April 27 to help students de-stress during exam week.



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Sports

Eagles Sweep Unbeaten Cardinals

Wineland gets win and save in Eagles' sweep

By Amanda Burnham
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College softball team came out strong to win both ends of a double header against previously unbeaten Catholic University on Monday. The Eagles won the first game 1-0, and cleaned up the second 4-3.

Catholic came into the games undefeated in the CAC, however, the Eagles were not intimidated despite their 1-3 record in conference play.

In a very defensive first game, the Eagles (13-14, 3-3 CAC) got on the board in the bottom of the sixth inning when junior first baseman Erin Bundrick doubled to center field to start the offense.

"I knew I was up with no outs and we needed someone to start off the scoring," Bundrick said.

Freshman Lindsey Painter then laid down a bunt moving Bundrick's replacement runner, freshman Taylor Martin, to third base. Martin scored on an error by Catholic pitcher Sarah Galloway.

The Eagles held the lead through the seventh inning thanks to a strong defensive play from sophomore pitcher Abby Wineland and freshman catcher Sarah Lance as they worked together to defend home plate and tag out Catholic's Caryn Kata who was attempting to score on a passed ball.

Wineland had a solid first game allowing just one hit and keeping the defense steady for the Eagles.

Game two of the double header got off to a quick start as Catholic (12-8, 2-2 CAC) scored a run in the first inning when shortstop Caillen Fitzpatrick scored on an error by Eagles' third baseman Lindsey Painter.

The Eagles didn't hesitate to retaliate as senior second baseman Bevin Gekosky lined a single to center field followed by a walk to

junior outfielder Kelly Keenan. Sophomore shortstop Erin Rantz then hit a double to bring Gekosky and Keenan home to take the lead 2-1.

In the top of the third inning, the Cardinals took the lead on a home run by junior pitcher Sarah Galloway bringing in Fitzpatrick who had reached on a single.

"She had been hitting inside the whole game, I didn't think she was going to hit at all," said Lance in response to the huge play.



File Photo.

Peter Kelley/Bullet

Team Leaders

Batting Average
Bevin Gekosky .378

Runs scored
Bevin Gekosky - 17
Kelly Keenan - 17

Runs Batted In
Erin Rantz - 19

Stolen Bases
Kelly Keenan - 11

Earned Run Average
Jennifer Nieder 2.48

Lance responded with a double to bring sophomore Meghan Witt home to tie up the score to 3-3 in the bottom of the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, Keenan drew a walk, stole second, and scored on a triple by Rantz giving the Eagles one more run and a 4-3 lead.

The Eagles then turned to game one winner Abby Wineland to close the door on the Cardinal's offense.

"We weren't planning on bringing in Abby for the second game," Eagles' head coach Dee Conway said. "But we knew we could count on her if we needed her."

Wineland pitched a solid and steady

inning to keep the Cardinals from scoring

and preserving the Eagles' victory.

"Both teams are pretty competitive, but we knew we would be

ok," Conway said. "After this win we are set for the end of the

conferences. We need to win out on Thursday against Gallaudet,

and then we'll be set."

Number One Seagulls Outfly Eagles

By Lynne Corey
Staff Writer

Despite scoring four goals in a close second half, Mary Washington College's men's lacrosse team could not overcome the twelve-goal deficit from the first half and lost to Salisbury 18-5 on Tuesday.

So far this season, the Seagulls are undefeated and in first place in the Capital Athletic Conference and in the nation. Mary Washington is second in the CAC with a 7-3 overall record.

Senior Midfielder Lee Thompson scored the first goal of the game, which turned out to be Mary Washington's lone goal of the first half. Salisbury retaliated with 13 goals on senior goalkeeper Mike D'Eredita who had five saves. Late in the second quarter, junior goalkeeper Tim

Boon entered the game.

"The best thing for me is to act like it's not me versus Salisbury, but me versus the one guy shooting on me," said Boon, who recorded four saves. "We are playing number one team in the country, and to play well against such a powerhouse is the best anyone can ask for."

After the rocky start, the second half was a different story. Mary Washington scored the first goal of the second half and came back with a different attitude. The Eagles allowed just one unanswered goal in the second half.

Junior midfielder Dave Justen, Senior attacker Matt Wiles, Sophomore midfielder Nick Martino, and Junior attacker Mark Fiore scored in the second half.

"I thought Salisbury was a great team and I think we played with a lot of heart and stepped it up in the second half," Fiore said. "We ran with

one of the best teams in the country. We think we can compete with anyone."

At the end of last year, Salisbury beat the Eagles 17-5 in the regular season and 26-1 for the CAC Championship.

Salisbury Head Coach Jim Berkman has even higher hopes for his team this year.

"[Mary Washington] just ran into a good team," he said. "It is one of the best I've coached. We went out there and did what we needed to do."

Eagles head coach Kurt Glaeser hopes that his team will learn from their mistakes and benefit for the future.

"Salisbury is a good team," Glaeser said. "We know what we need to work on and it's a good possibility we will be seeing them again for the championship."

The Eagles next game is against Cabrini College at home at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 9.

Upcoming Events

April 9 - Track and Field at Lynchburg Classic, 3 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. Cabrini College, 4 p.m.

April 10 - Track and Field at Lynchburg Classic, 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. Catholic, noon

Softball at Chowan College, 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse at Lynchburg, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Goucher, 9 a.m. and vs. Swarthmore, 1:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Swarthmore, 1 p.m.

Rowing at Knecht Cup in Philadelphia, Pa.



America's Field Of Dreams

By Tom Borak
Sports Editor

"The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it's a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of us of all that once was good and it could be again."

This quote from Kevin Costner's baseball masterpiece, *Field of Dreams* has never been more appropriate.

With the United States military engaged in the reconstruction of Iraq and political wars being waged at home over issues such as gay marriage and the upcoming presidential election, America needs baseball now more than ever.

April is dubbed America's pastime, the game gives its fans a chance to relax. The laid back atmosphere of a ball yard on a summer afternoon mixed with the smell of hot dogs and beer is as soothing as one can find for eight dollars.

Coming off of what many consider the

greatest post-season of all time, baseball has given its fans much to get excited about this year.

Blockbuster trades were a common theme this off-season. Deals that sent Curt Schilling to Boston, Alex Rodriguez and Gary Sheffield to the Yankees, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens to the Astros, Vladimir Guerrero and Bartolo Colon to the Angels, and Miguel Tejada, Javier Lopez and Raphael Palmeiro to the Baltimore Orioles were just the tip of the iceberg.

The fans have responded.

According to ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons, attendance at Spring Training this season was 25 percent higher than it was ever been in history. And that was just Spring Training.

As the regular season gets underway, there is



Courtesy ESPN.com

Barry Bonds aims to pass Willie Mays on the all-time home run list this season.

experience as one can find for eight dollars.

Coming off of what many consider the

much to look forward to:

Barry Bonds is chasing history. Sitting at 659 career home runs, Bonds is one shy of tying his godfather, the great legend Willie Mays for third on the all-time list.

With a 7-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on opening day, the Detroit Tigers brought their winning percentage above .500 for the first time since April 8, 2001.

The New York Mets dipped into the increasingly popular Japanese talent pool and signed Kaz Matsui, not to be confused with Yankees' outfielder Hideki Matsui, to play shortstop.

For the first time since the early 90's,



Courtesy MLB.com

Atlanta Braves are not favored to win the National League East, and despite all the big name players and payroll explosion, the Yankees are not pre-season

favorites to win the World Series.

This game, America's pastime, will live up to its billing this season. Just as it has done throughout the great history of this country, the game is once again poised to lift a weary American public on its shoulders and bring peace and relaxation to a fast-paced American life style and an ever-changing nation — if only for nine innings.

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Scene

"One Large, Happy Group"

Una Voce To Host First Invitational

By Lesley Johnson
Scene Editor

Choral group Una Voce hit enough funds to host their first invitational on April 8 at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium.

The group must raise funds on their own for they do not receive any monetary funds from Mary Washington College.

Through a car wash last fall they were able to raise enough money for sheet music; and now, courtesy of monetary donations from friends and family, Una Voce looks forward to hosting three high schools for their concert.

"By having a high school invitational, it shows our commitment to the community," said junior Matt Reed.

Una Voce asked local chamber choirs from Colonial Forge High School, North Stafford High School, and Brooke Pointe High School to sing at their invitational debut.

"The theme is an evening of chamber music and since we are the only chamber choir, we decided to reach out to the community," said sophomore Kira Whitaere, public relations chair. "Our main goal is to get out in the community and portray a positive image of Mary Washington College."

The group not only brings the community to themselves, but they also reach out to the community. They have joined up with the Fredericksburg Foundation of Arts and Arts In Motion organizations as a musical outreach to Fredericksburg citizens.

"We realize that some people cannot make it out to our concerts so we bring the performances to them," said sophomore Kevin Diana, ond.

Una Voce sings for various nursing homes and retirement communities via the Arts In Motion organization.

"We bring the music to them because a lot of them cannot go to us," Reed said. "It's a way



Courtesy Una Voce



Eighteen members make up Una Voce. Their invitational is set for April 8 at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium.

for us to bring enjoyment to them."

The members do not just sing and leave. They also take time to get to know the inhabitants of these retirement home communities.

"At the retirement communities we end up staying 15 to 20 plus minutes talking to them about music because a lot of them are MWC alumni who were at one point

involved in musical groups offered by the college," Reed said. "It's nice to put a smile on their faces."

Una Voce performs a wide variety of music to appease their audience. They sing anything from contemporary chord pieces to madrigal pieces. Some of their pieces are as recent as five years ago while others are centuries old.

"I try to pick music that is aesthetically appealing," Diana said. "I try to look at it from the audience's stand point and a musical therapy stand point. We have music from the soul as well as fun madrigals. I pick any

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BellACappella Released Debut Album March 29

By Melissa Ng
Staff Writer

On a typical night in the recording studio, enough shoes to fill a closet are piled on the floor while the thirteen barefooted women of BellACappella work ardently to get their CD out.

Junior Lisa Maloney, director of public relations for the group, justifies the tradition.

"We have to take off our shoes so you don't hear our feet tapping on the ground," she said. "We like to dance when we rehearse."

BellACappella, founded in 2000, has had their debut album in the works for over a year. The CD, "BellACappella Unplugged," was released on March 29 at an intimate concert in the Underground.

The CDs are being sold for \$10, plus an additional \$2 for each disc that has to be shipped to an off-campus address. The CDs will be sold in the college bookstore shortly and are available to order on their Web site, geocities.com/bellacappella.

Although the Bellas' recording sessions are full of laughs and barefoot dancing, a lot of hard work and concentration was involved in the creation of the much-anticipated album. They have two rehearsals each week, not including the

grueling hours reserved specifically for recording.

"In order to record just one song, it takes about 3 to 4 hours," said senior Krystle Westhater, historian.

Many of the Bellas consider their rehearsal and recording locations on campus as their home away from home.

"Pollard 304, DuPont 209," Maloney and junior Stephanie Tanko, treasurer, recite in unison.

"We practically live there," Tanko said.

Tanko is the primary liaison between the ensemble and sophomore Jeff Longo, who recorded and produced the CD, so the amount of time she dedicated to the album was even greater.

Maloney, along with fellow group members, explained why the task of recording a CD is so strenuous and taxing.

"It takes a long time because each part is recorded separately," she said.

Often a song will have at least ten individual parts to record, including vocal percussion and solo, according to group members.

Each Bella was eager to chime in with her own take on the stress of recording.

Junior Jenn Kern, social chair of the group, said that it was really hard to keep all the Bellas

focused.

"You say the word 'boy' and everyone stops singing," Kern said.

Tanko faced other problems.

"Sometimes I forgot all the words during recording," Tanko said.

"It was a frustrating process but everyone worked really hard and it finally pulled through," said freshman Katie Donohue.

Although the CD came out last week, much work is still being done to sell the albums and turn a profit.

On Friday, April 2, in the MWC apartment Tanko and Maloney share, Tanko rushed through the door with a black briefcase and said, "I'm not quite sure I feel comfortable carrying \$1,000. There are no checks to pay for the final payment."

The Bellas received a rush order of their final shipment of CDs. They were performing that evening in Richmond with the all-male ensemble, The Octaves, from the University of Richmond.

"That's why a cappella groups travel," Maloney said. "That's how we sell the CDs."

The money that the Bellas raise from CD sales is going toward trips to visit a cappella groups across the east coast and to fund Bella's possible

Prepare To Dunk Faculty At WestFest

By Katy Hershberger
Staff Writer

It's a college student's dream come true: free food, live music, and professors in a dunk tank.

WestFest, scheduled from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 8, is Westmoreland Hall's way to bring back an event from the past.

"There used to be a festival that Westmoreland put on," said sophomore Brian Fahey, Westmoreland Hall council secretary. "I think [we're] just trying to restart that back up."

"They used to do a Woodstock kind of thing. The bands are there, but rather than make it an all day music thing, now it's kind of a cookout," said Westmoreland Hall council member Jenny Lott.

WestFest, which will be held on the Westmoreland lawn, will feature classic picnic food and music from Invoice, BellACappella, Bad Luck Idols, McLaw's Drive, Evergreen September, and Ryan Little and Friends. There will also be a dunk tank running until about 7 p.m.

Hall Council members and Resident Assistants have volunteered to be dunked. A number of faculty members have also volunteered, including Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility Ray Tuttle, Assistant Professor of English Christopher Foss, and Associate Professor of English Stephen Watkins. Other volunteers are welcome as well.

Other activities will take place, such as volleyball, a raffle with prizes, and what Lott calls "whipped cream surprise."

Through the event, sponsored by Westmoreland and Madison Halls, is similar to Marshall Hall's traditional "Grill Down the Hill." Westmoreland's WestFest is unique.

"Westimo is the bestmo," Fahey said. "We're not trying to compete with the other dorms. It's all about coming together and having a good time."

Sophomore Jess Rigel, came up with the name "WestFest." She said she is looking forward to eating and being outside with everyone.

"And watching my friends in the dunk tank," she said. "It will be refreshing to see the Westmoreland kids outside."

According to Fahey, something bizarre happening at WestFest is inevitable.

"I'm sure crazy stuff will happen, whether it's planned or not," he said. "Westmoreland is pretty crazy."



New CDs This Week

From the top left:

The Circuit Riders "Sun Moon Mule"
Dilated Peoples "Neighborhood Watch"
Pat McGee Band "Save Me"
Pit Er Pat "Emergency"

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2. Walking Tall



3. Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed

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"Fraggle Rock."

Rob Chapman,
Freshman



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Senior



"Animated Batman Series."

Peter Riedel,
Freshman



"Saved By The Bell."

Casey Jeffcoate,
Freshman



"Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Ken Scheiber,
Freshman

Arabic Classes To Be Offered Fall Semester 2004

By Melissa Ng
Staff Writer

Arabic is going to be offered at Mary Washington for the first time next semester. Students are very excited about the new course offering.

Leonard Koos, professor of French at the college and next year's department chair said, "at the present time, 25 students are enrolled and there is a waiting list of 30."

Koos is primarily responsible for setting up the courses and creating the course proposals.

"Arabic is the fastest growing foreign language being taught," Koos said. "That confirms that [Mary Washington College] is on the right track."

The professors in the Modern Foreign Language Department are adamant about the creation of the class. Spanish professor Jose Angel Sainz believes that Sept. 11 has increased the popularity of the language.

"From diplomatic relations to the United States, being able to communicate with that part of the world is vital," Sainz said. "The problem in the Middle East, the troubled history of Israel and Palestine, September 11, Iran, and Iraq, demonstrated to the Americans that they were an important part of the world. There are many needs to be addressed."

Sophomore Oliver Wolfe is interested in taking this class. "I think September 11 has brought Arabic-speaking nations to the forefront of our national consciousness lately," he said. "And this probably contributes to my awareness and desire to take the class on some level."

Koos added that people interested in non-Western subject areas would find Arabic interesting.

Wolfe is interested in the class because it seems exotic and foreign in a way that other languages do not. He is excited about taking Arabic for his language goal.

"We are planning to have a continuation of a 201 to 202 course for Arabic," Koos said. "It will be a language requirement."

Sainz said the teaching Arabic was a positive step towards decreasing bias and prejudice of another culture.

"When a student takes that class, he or she will be more aware of Arabic culture," he said. "There is a need to understand that not all people from Iran are fundamentalists and religious driven fanatics, there are parts and people just as civilized as the western culture."

Wolfe was shocked when he saw Arabic being offered in the course book.

"I think it makes sense to offer the class," he said. "It is a language that exists, and it can only make the school more well-rounded by offering it."

Dean of Faculty Phil Hall said, "We realize that many other schools have it but it is not the primary reason why we are offering it now."

He said that when he had encouraged the idea of adding a non-European language choice to the curriculum, the Modern Foreign Language department was extremely excited about it and even since they have been working hard."

When he found out the Modern Foreign Language Department was offering Arabic, Hall said there was a lot of interest in this area. He said he was happy about the decision and hopes it will be successful.

The committee is still in the process of recruiting a staff member for the class this upcoming semester.

Sainz and Koos are just two of the individuals involved in the subcommittee that discussed the needs of the program.

"The needs include the response of the increase of Arabic demanded by the government," Sainz said. "The Department of the State and FBI need Arabic as a skill. Students are extremely marketable."

The new course proposal said, "Given the continuing importance of the Middle East in American foreign policy, the shortage of Arabic speakers in government, business, etc. has been consistently noted."

Taking Arabic has been popular amongst the political science and international relations majors. Koos said, "The waiting list that I've established has a sizable number from these disciplines."

Daniel Archibald, junior, is a political science and international relation major who is signed up for the class next semester.

"I may even stay an extra year to finish Arabic 201 and 202 if it is offered."

Archibald believes these Arabic classes are essential to his major and potential employment opportunities.

"By taking Arabic I feel that it would give me more experience towards my occupational goal," Archibald said. "Basically, without Koos, the education needed for my future job would not have been possible. He deserves a 'Merci' for this."

"Una Voce: One Voice"

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piece that any one person would like to hear."

Una Voce will sing both at the beginning and end of the evening. Selections include "Amazing Grace" by Ron Jeffers and "Sing Me To Heaven" by Daniel E. Gauthrop.

Jane Taviner helped Diana put together the group in September 2003. Tryouts are held every semester with Diana maintaining as the conductor until he leaves the group; at which point he will hand pick the next conductor.

All other positions are up for grabs and the members vote for who will hold all of the positions. There are a total of seven members making up the managerial board of Una Voce.

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Rally For The Troops

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Staff Writer

There weren't enough chairs.

Students, faculty, veterans and members of the community all gathered at a non-partisan rally to show their support for the American troops overseas in the "Support the Troops" rally last Wednesday. The rows of chairs were almost filled and the standing crowd spilled over from campus walk into the grass of Ball Circle.

Sara Smith, executive director of the Mary Washington College Republicans, was happy with the turnout. According to Smith, the approximate count of people who attended was around 150 and most of the people stayed for the entire rally.

"Veterans from the American Legion and Mary Washington College students who have served in Iraq were there," Smith said. "[The College Republicans] did a lot of promoting by putting flyers around Central Park and Caroline Street, as well as all around campus."

However, Smith said her organization got the feeling there were some who didn't want the rally to take place.

"We put up flyers on Sunday night and by Monday morning they were gone," Smith said. "People even painted over our advertisement on the rock the same night we put it up."

Even though there was apparent opposition to the rally, the non-partisan event was a success.

Smith and her organization tried to

have the rally represent a wide variety of perspectives to show the military is not just army. Among the speakers were a Marine, the wife of a serviceman, a sister of a Marine who is currently on the front lines and a serviceman who has been serving the country for over 10 years. An excerpt from Time Magazine was also presented.

The rally began with a prayer led by senior Timotheus Pope, followed by other inspirational speakers.

Freshman Christopher Meyer, a student at Mary Washington College, served as a Marine in the recent war in Iraq. Meyer shared one of his journal entries he wrote April 6 of last year. In it he wrote about the increasingly frustrated morale of the troops. Meyer said he and his friends felt they were "the only section who [hadn't] done anything."

Meyer also said no matter how much footage people see on the news, they will never know what it's like to be out on the front line.

"I've gotten used to sleeping in my bed in the dorm, and a rag on my face to my pistol and a rag on my face to keep out the dust," Meyer said.

Meyer's speech was followed by that of Connie McDonald, a member of the National Military Family Association. McDonald is married to a parachutist and spoke about what it's like to be married to a serviceman.

"I am grateful to be married to a person who protects people's rights," McDonald said. "I meet heroes everyday."

McDonald also shed light on her children's perspective.

"I asked my kids what it was like to be in a military family," McDonald said, "and if they felt like they didn't belong to a certain state since we moved so much."

McDonald said her children replied, "We are citizens of the world."

The rally continued with a reading from an article written by Jim Lacey of Time Magazine. In it, Lacey described the compassion of the American troops in Iraq.

He described incidents where soldiers "went door-to-door through the slums looking for a girl who had been injured in crossfire." Lacey also wrote about a time when American soldiers "cried when a three year old was taken out of the rubble of a building hit by Iraqi missiles."

Lacey finished by writing, "no other army or other soldier...possibly with such compassion for their fellow man and no other society could have produced them."

In another reading freshman Sarah Rose read a letter her brother, Greg



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Connie McDonald, a member of the National Military Family Association, speaks about life as a serviceman's wife.

Cavalli, a marine on the front lines, wrote for the occasion.

In the letter, Cavalli thanked everyone there for their support and said he and his fellow Marines "knew what [they were] doing was important because you, the American people, tell us."

The final speaker was Lieutenant Colonel Brian Cummings, who has served the United States for over 10 years. Cummings reminded those at the rally, "everyday life makes it easy to forget what's important."

He said what's important are all the little things you don't notice until you're away from them.

"When you come back home [from being on active duty] it's the little

things that matter the most," Cummings said. "Things like barbecue on a Sunday, or mowing the lawn, or the laughter of a loved one."

Cummings, along with the rest of the speakers, encouraged those at the rally to support the troops through things like letters, e-mails, care packages and donations.

The College Republicans used the rally as a kick-off event to set the pace for the rest of the events planned for this week. Events planned include the Speaker of the House giving a speech in faculty dining room and a barbecue on Friday and are part of "Grand Ole Week, Come Join the Party," sponsored by the College Republicans.

PRISM Sponsors Pro-Gay Marriage Attorney

By COREY BYERS
Staff Writer

When Oprah Winfrey asked Craig Dean why he and his partner wanted to get married he responded, "Because we love each other."

According to Dean, his partner Patrick Gill told Oprah and her audience, "I am not a second class citizen; I demand complete and immediate equality now."

Attorney Craig Dean, a proponent of gay marriage, spoke at Mary Washington College on Monday evening. He is currently the executive director of the Equal Marriage Rights Fund and the president of the Outright Speakers & Talent Bureau.

On Monday, he retold the story of how he has fought for gay marriage equality since 1990. His visit was sponsored by People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM).

Dean said he appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show in 1990 and was invited to be a guest on many others after he and his partner applied for a marriage license that same year in Washington D.C. and were denied.

He said they filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the District of Columbia for what they believed was a violation of the district's Human Rights Act and marriage act. Judges in the lower court and the court of appeals turned the case down. He has been seeking to achieve marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples ever since.

Dean told the story of how he and Gill applied for a license and were turned down. When the men went to pick up their marriage license Dean said the clerk contacted her supervisor.

Dean and the supervisor looked over the District's code and talked about the marriage act. The supervisor informed him that there was no reason why a marriage license couldn't be issued besides political suicide, Dean said.

The supervisor went to another supervisor and no one in the bureaucracy would make a decision. A week later, Dean received a letter from the mayor of Washington D.C. which denied the couple the license based on the fact

that both parties applying were men.

He sued the District, citing violations of the District's 1977 Human Rights Act in addition to the marriage act which had terms relating to gender removed from the document. Dean cited the section of the Human Rights Act which reads, "...Every individual shall have an equal opportunity to participate in the economic, cultural, and intellectual life of the District and to have an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of life."

His case in the lower court and the appeals court were both turned down.

According to Dean, he and Patrick Gill had met in Long Island, New York and started dating in the summer of 1987 when the couple wanted to have a Holy Union Ceremony. The ceremony, he said, was a way for couples, gay or straight, to have their relationship blessed.

They asked two different churches in the district to perform the ceremony and both agreed with one condition: both churches wanted the couple to live together for a year in order to make sure they were compatible.

"They told us to live together, see how it works out... Go out and sin for a while... then come back and see us," Dean said after he told the story of how they approached the churches. "We spent that year sinning, a lot."

He said the church's advice was in contrast to the typical societal view of couples living together. Dean said usually when couples move in with each other everyone asks them when they are going to get married.



Courtesy Nathan Figueira

Attorney Craig Dean.

In 1990 the two men decided to file a marriage license application because, Dean said, "they had no honorable alternative."

"Marriage is an institution society has created," he said. He also said rights are given to married couples for legal as well as financial purposes.

Over the years before applying for the license, he said there were a number of reasons that made them change their views on what it meant to be gay and realized they were treated differently.

"Patrick... had appendicitis at one point and was taken to the emergency room... I rode in the ambulance but was unable to go into the emergency room with him," Dean said. "Because the rules of the emergency room for visitation are only for family members... they define family members by people of blood or marriage. Here he is in pain and they are telling me I am not family."

Dean later got a job at a law firm and his health insurance would not cover Gill. He said the same rules about families at the hospital were the same for the insurance.

He also spoke of another time that made him realize how gays were being treated differently. Passing through 14th Street and K Street in D.C. one day, Dean said he saw a flashing sign that displayed the time, weather reports and other public information.

"This particular day, it was displaying this message, 'Help stamp out AIDS now' and then it flashed, 'kill all queers and junkies'." Dean said. "When I saw that message I knew I had to do something about it."

He went to the building manager and asked them to take down the message. When the manager denied that the message was even there,

Dean said he told the man a newspaper photographer had accompanied him that day and took a picture of it. Dean was escorted out of the building.

The next step for Dean was to go to the Washington D.C. Office of Human Rights. He believed the building was violating the District's Human Rights Act.

Dean filed a complaint against the building with the theory being that it was a violation of public accommodations... that queers and junkies were less likely to go into that building in downtown D.C. that was advocating their murder."

After the picture appeared in the newspaper the building settled the complaint within a week and Dean said he was awarded \$10,000. He gave the money to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, their Anti-Violence group, and to a service clinic for people living with HIV and AIDS.

"It wasn't the money that was important... it was about seeing something that was wrong and taking matters into your own hands and having it come to such a successful and quick conclusion," Dean said. "It was very empowering."

An audience member asked the speaker how he responds to the claim by opponents of gay marriage that God is against gay marriage.

"My response to people who say God doesn't want gay marriage is my God does," Dean said.

Dean said his partner passed away a few years ago of HIV and AIDS complications.

He said Gill was HIV positive when they met but he himself has still tested negative for the virus.

"If they want an example of a committed couple, we were with each other until the end," Dean said of the relationship.

The lecture concluded with Dean's thoughts on how people can overcome discrimination and stand up for issues they believe in.

"When we grow up in a society where it has been of with people calling us faggot, queer, dyke, pervert... we have been spiritually raped," Dean said. "Whatever your issues are, whatever your issues happen to be, when I lived my life with equality, dignity and respect I took the power away from someone else to hurt me."

Westmoreland Halls will begin using the cards. The rest of the residence halls will be ready in time for the fall 2004 semester.

Martin said the MWC Apartments need extensive work done to the doors before the system can be installed. Therefore, they will not be able to use their cards until about summer 2005.

Depending on what residence hall you live in for a given year, your card will only work for that residence hall, according to Martin.

"Access is controlled by the building assigned to each student," Martin said. "Next fall students can access their assigned halls, but no others. No new carding is required [over the years]. Once a hall is changed to proximity card access,

the dog tag key becomes obsolete."

Freshman Jamie Miranda said she thinks the new card system is beneficial however, since the new card costs \$20 when lost, students must be very cautious and organized so to not misplaced them.

"There is no doubt that the new card system is convenient," Miranda said. "It does mean that we have to be extra careful not to lose it."

Miranda also said she thinks students will benefit from the new Eagle One ID cards in other ways.

"Hopefully in the future we can use these cards in local stores, maybe even for discounts," she said.

According to Carole Martin, there will be many more uses of the EagleOne ID Cards in years to come.

"Eventually, it will be used to access labs, athletic facilities, parking, academic and administrative buildings and other possibilities."

Dorms Get Carded

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All around the Mary Washington College campus, residence halls have been undergoing changes week-by-week.

Earlier in the year, a new key system was implemented, one in which students do not have to use dog tag keys at all. By fall 2004, all residence halls will be equipped with a Vector security card system allowing students to enter the residence halls with the EagleOne ID cards rather than with the dog tag keys that some students are still using now.

According to Senior Project Specialist Carole Martin, the main reason for incorporating this new system is for the safety of the students,

"[The Vector] card system is a more secure system in many ways, including when a student loses a card, it will be disabled in the system," Martin said. "In the past, the lock would be changed and all the student dog tag keys would be changed."

Martin discussed what will happen if the card is lost.

"The card will be tagged as 'lost' in the system, so if someone finds it and tries to use it the system will set off an alarm on the campus police computer... which will be monitored 24 hours a day every day and 365 days a year."

According to Martin, Mercer was the first hall to get the new system up and running on March 16. Then on March 30, Russell, Marshall and Virginia Halls were successful in

operating the system. On April 6, Alvey, New and Jefferson Hall residents were able to enter their buildings with just their ID cards. On April 13 Randolph, Mason and

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